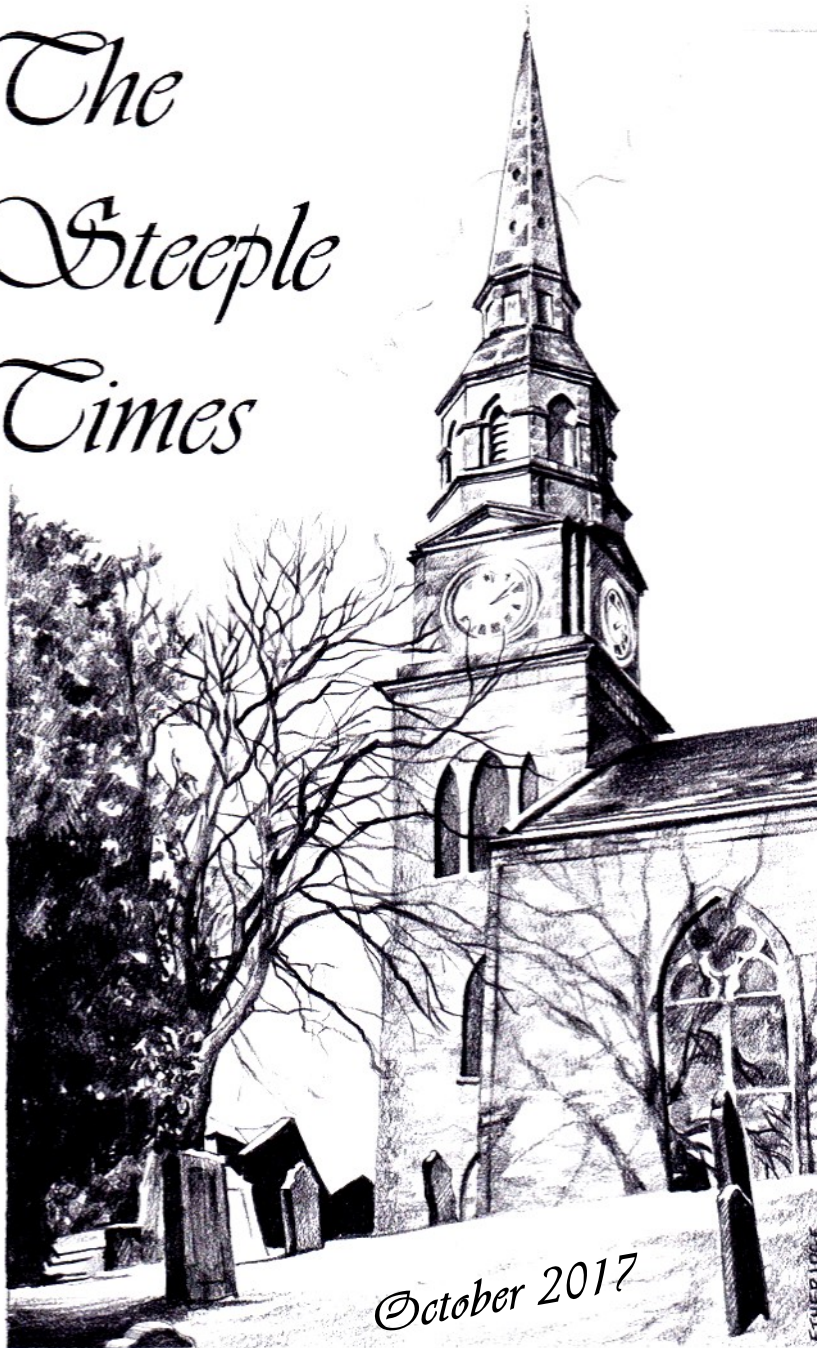


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**EAST AND OLD
PARISH CHURCH
FORFAR**



Services of Public Worship:

- Every Sunday at 11:00am
- First Sunday of the month at 9:30am and 11:00am
- Second Sunday of the month at 9:30am for breakfast and 11:00am
- Last Sunday of the month at 6:30pm for a contemporary evening service
- Mid week Service every Wednesday at 12:10pm

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FROM THE MANSE

Hello my dear friends

I am just back from a week in Madeira where I managed to recharge my batteries doing just about nothing (except climbing Madeira's highest peak - 1861 metres!) I am back for two weeks then Billy and I head off for an 11 day holiday - yes I can hear you saying, 'does she ever work!' I just didn't plan my holiday dates well this year!!! As you know you need to prepare for holidays with bookings, payment (ugh!), insurances, passports, spending money (and the exchange rate for the euro and dollar are certainly not good at the moment), cases, clothes, toiletries and let's not forget the hair straighteners!!! Added into this equation is my prayer for safe travel.

Now why I am telling you about our travel habits. Well it is all about the excitement, preparation, cost, seeing and experiencing something new, because that is what East and Old have in store from the 1st October to 5th November with our campaign 'New Look New Vision'. The whole idea started with the slogan 'Back to Church Sunday' to encourage our members to come back to church to see the new look, see our new vision and to recommit themselves as members through the giving of their time by attending church once again in the numerous ways that is now open to do so.

Our team took it a step forward and thought why not get in touch with our whole parish and plan events that not only members could come to but members of the public also - God's house is open to all! With that in mind many, many activities have been planned which you will see in this edition of the Steeple Times. Members of the church have been going around the doors of our parish (not the whole of Forfar just within our parish boundaries) dropping leaflets through the doors not once but twice. You our members should have received three leaflets from your elder and we ask and most especially I ask that you make the effort to reconnect with the church during this month

of October. A lot of preparation has gone into the events planned this month, money has been spent in the process also and last but not least the one thing that won't be happening like it did on my holiday is relaxation! God's work is never done we have a mountain to climb (metaphorically!) and October is going to be super busy with events and activities for all ages. I am personally inviting you all!

Being a member in name only is not what God requires. 'Where two or three are gathered in my name' is often quoted and people say we don't need to be in church for that to happen but we need to be in the company of fellow believers and in fellowship with them for support, strength, sharing good days and bad.

To our elderly and housebound members we understand that coming to church is no longer an option for you. I try to visit as often as I can, the pastoral team visit also but I do not know of everyone who is elderly (because many of you don't look your age!) and I normally only get told of those who are ill. If you are sitting reading this and are thinking the minister has not been to see me - give me a buzz or speak to your elder - PLEASE!

So during this coming month I ask that you try to engage with God's vision, God's mission, God's word and God's plan in East and Old because a warm welcome awaits you all.

Every blessing to you and your families

Your minister and friend

Barbara Ann

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Welcome to Heather Gourlay who is with us for the next few months as she decides what form of ministry God is calling her to be involved in. Heather will be taking part in some Sunday worship services, visiting some members and attending various events while she is with us. We are sure you will give her a great big welcome when you see her. Welcome Heather it is going to be good getting to know you.

Time, Talents and Money Wish List Boards

A big thank you to all who have contributed to this new idea. We now have enough money to buy all our chairs, decorate the choir room and lots more besides. Members and friends have donated high chairs, play mats, off-set the cost of printing, banners and so much more. The time and talents board has been a bit slower but still successful with people offering to help at the Friday Fling, make tea and coffee at events, decorate the choir room, shampoo carpets and much more. The items on the boards are constantly being updated and changed so please

look at the boards every week.

For those of you who are not regular attenders at the church here are a few of the items that are on the boards that you may wish to contribute to:

Pay for one quarter of the choir carpet = £150, buy an outdoor banner £30, pay for the printing of the school leaflets = £50. On the time and talents board offer to help at the Duke of Edinburgh Award classes, tea duty after church on Sunday, help at the Friday Fling or Cosy Corner, work in the shop for a few hours once a week/month and so much more. Check out the boards!

Sheep – if you have been in church recently you will see that Barbara Ann's flock of sheep are growing. As you know Barbara Ann asked for members to knit her some sheep and slowly but surely the flock is getting bigger. The sheep will be appearing in shop windows during Christmas and there will be a competition for children and adults to find all the sheep because each sheep will have a name on it. The sheep will then reappear in the church for the Christingle service!

Early morning service with Communion – this worship service continues to grow in numbers with over 45 people at the last service. The service concludes with communion at the end and is normally finished by 10.10am. Come along and see what happens and stay for the 11am service also! (some do!!!)

Breakfast Church – this new worship service has been well received with numbers in the twenties. Breakfast starts at 9.30am with the worship taking place through it. Worship consists of a prayer, hymn, bible reading and homily. The service and breakfast conclude at 10am. Thank you to Barbara Ann for the August service and breakfast and Susan Forbes for September.

Evening Worship – this new service started with Barbara Ann leading the worship and with our entertainment group 'Accord' leading the praise. It was a Songs of Praise evening with many traditional hymns selected by the congregation, but also a lot of new hymns selected by Barbara Ann and Elizabeth McLeod. The evening service was a success however we need to remind you

that each evening service will take on a different slant and style. We look forward to the end of September when Eric Walker from Kirriemuir will taking the service.

Afternoon Tea (it is definitely the 'current' thing to do!)

Bar 10 – a number of the leaders who work with the children and youth of our church decided to go out during the summer for an afternoon tea to celebrate the rest period! They also invited our minister and they said that Bar 10 was very good with a good atmosphere and they enjoyed their time and fellowship together.

Some members of East and Old got together and took a table in the social area of the church one Saturday afternoon recently and the tables were groaning with the amount of food on them. The Prosecco and Schloer were well received but the tea and coffee was more popular! There were a couple of competitions and also a raffle and £500 was made which was put to the Hungarian Fund to help bring over the Hungarian choir in 2018.

The Shop managers Muriel and Elma wanted to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication so as a thank you they held an afternoon tea in the church for the shop workers. What a great afternoon it was and once again these ladies had the tables groaning with all the goodies. What a lovely way to say thank you!

Holiday Club – this event was held from 31st July to 4th August in the church hall. A lot of organising went into the event but alas the numbers were very low. However the children that were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves and wanted us to continue into the next week. Next year we will look again at the date, maybe reverting to the first week of the school holidays and whether to run it all day as parents struggle to get their children there for half a day because of childminding issues. Thank you to all who were involved in the holiday club.

Lakie Family Gathering – on 6th August we were once again delighted to host the Lakie family gathering with members of the family travelling from different parts of Scotland, England, America and Canada. The Lakie family were

in church 4 years ago and while they were in the church we baptised Jack Myles our treasurers son and on the 6th August this year while the family were with us once again we baptised Arwen Myles our treasurers second child. We would like to thank the Lakie family for the cheque for £250 that they gave us.

Relay for Life in Kirriemuir – this took place in mid-August and East and Old had two teams entered – Steeple Chasers and Steeple Chasers Too! There were 22 people between our two teams and what a great 24 hours it was! As a team we raised over £2000 for Cancer Research and we also took part in trying to break the World Record for the most Peter Pan look a likes in one place for 6 minutes. The rules were very strict with each person needing a green tunic, belt, green or brown tights, hat and sword. The counting took place at 4pm on the Saturday afternoon. We only heard a few weeks ago that we are part of breaking the World Record with 534 Peter Pan look a likes! East and Old are World Record Holders! As a church we were delighted that our minister was asked to conduct the 5 minute reflection on the stage that evening and as usual she did a very good job! Thank you to Isabel

Farquharson for being the team captain and keeping everything running smoothly, thanks to Alf and Marion Birse for their caravan, the BB for the tent and the people who made goods for sale on the table as well as the walkers and the members who came along to see our teams and support our team. A great job all around!!!

Open Doors event – this takes place every year during the first weekend in September and our thanks go to the outreach team especially Aileen McKenzie for organising this. This year 58 people came through the doors to see the church and look at the various historical objects and books that were on display.



Heavenly Bites has once again started with children from Strathmore Primary

School preparing and making lunch and then opening the doors at 12.15pm for members of the public to come and eat a delicious lunch! The children really enjoy this venture and we really need more people to come through the

doors to support them, so put the date of Thursday 2nd November in your diary for the next café!

Beavers and Cubs to Church –

Barbara Ann was delighted when the Cubs and Beavers of 6th Forfar Pack of the Scouting movement asked if they could come along and see the church and learn about our building, festivals, who's who in the church and some stories. The Cubs came along on the Tuesday evening followed by the Beavers on the Wednesday evening. The children were all very well behaved and asked some real intelligent and challenging questions. Each evening rounded off with crisps, sweets and juice – Barbara Ann knows how to bribe the children!

Dedication Service – this took place on Sunday 17th September with the Groovy Gryphon's, Boys' Brigade and the Guild all being in attendance and each organisation being dedicated to God. The service was action packed with lots going on and the congregation interacted throughout the service. East and Old Church and the Kirk Session are delighted that we have all these organisations within our church and fully support them in their activities.

What's coming up & what to look out for

Communion will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 15th October at 2.30pm and then on Sunday 22nd October at 11am and 6.30pm. the retiring offering at these services will as normal go to our Fabric Fund.

Heavenly Bites on 2nd November at 12.15pm – come along and enjoy a two course lunch!

New Look New Vision

3rd, 4th and 5th November are super busy in the church as our New Look New Vision comes to a close. On the 4th we have our church coffee morning and in the evening a wonderful concert is planned starring Julie Stewart a professional flautist being accompanied by a professional pianist and singer. And to round everything off we have our Fireworks night on 5th November in the Manse garden at 6pm and remember not to eat anything before you come as there will be soup and Bridies on the go!

Remembrance Sunday is on Sunday 12th November with the morning worship starting at 10.45am! This year east and Old is

holding the town service with a large number of invited guests. After the morning worship the guests will line up for the parade to the cross and the service starts at the cross at 12.30pm. The retiring offering will be split between Poppy Scotland and Erskine Hospital.

Guild week starts on Sunday 19th November and to celebrate that week our Guild will leading worship that day. Last year the service was interesting and informative and we look forward to hearing about the work of the Guild and how and why they glorify God's name and work through the Guild.

Angus Toy Appeal - Sunday 3rd December is our annual event to support the Angus Toy Appeal so put the date in your diary now!



Handbag Party – this is our next event on Tuesday 14th November in

the church. A company from Glasgow will be bringing a whole selection of handbags which range from £5 to £100 and lots of accessories also: purses, wallets, scarves, jewellery and lots more. This will be an ideal event to stock

up on your Christ gifts so come along and enjoy shopping at your leisure. Because the company is coming from Glasgow we need to have a minimum of 40 people at this event so please tell your friends and come along for some fun, laughter and a few games!

Advance Notice – we are holding a ‘Burns-less Night on Friday 26th January! It will be a Scottish Themed evening with no ‘Burns’ in sight. Come along and enjoy a three course Scottish meal (no Haggis), poetry (no Burns), and entertainment (no Burns songs) and have a great evening with friends. The cost will be £10 per person.

Session Clerk at the General Assembly 2017

As a relatively newly ordained Elder and subsequently appointed Session Clerk, I was delighted to get the opportunity to be the Commissioner representing our Kirk Session. I went off to Edinburgh with some of my friends in the church saying *‘jings Lexi you will be aaffy bored!’*

Having only heard snatches about the General Assembly in the past via the media I really had no idea what

to expect. However, our Presbytery Clerk the Rev Mike Goss ran a pre-Assembly training session one evening – this was extremely useful – it also gave me a much better understanding of all the strange and gigantic GA pieces of mail that were arriving from the Church of Scotland on an almost daily basis!

On arrival, the Stewards were extremely helpful and friendly – looked like they could spot a ‘first timer’ a mile away! I found the Assembly hall was much smaller than I imagined but comfortable with good vantage points all round. I was surprised that it was the new 2017/18 Moderator who chaired the Assembly - I just assumed it would be the outgoing Moderator to round off his year. I was very impressed by Dr Derek Browning as Chair, and of his ‘team’ who were able to pick up ‘the baton’ whenever he needed to leave the Hall. Throughout the six days the Moderator held the attention of the room through his vast business experience and his superb sense of humour where he had us frequently laughing – usually at the expense of

some presenting Commissioner! I quickly learned that cameras were everywhere! even when they were in front of us they could still catch me slouching in my chair from behind! I learned to sit up straight afterwards just in case!

They also Live Streamed the whole 6 days of the Assembly – two church friends of mine back home had watched it from end to end! –they took great delight in telling me that I was wearing my bright green jacket one day and had walked out of the room at some point – honestly you can do nothing without ‘Big Brother’ watching you.!

In summary, I found the whole experience very enjoyable – a great source of learning for me – it gave me a much wider view, enabling me to see the ‘bigger picture’ of the Church. I met so many new people on the Sunday at the service in St Giles – they all had a story to tell about their part in their own Church.

I have now shared my Assembly experience with our Kirk Session and many people in general – I was also

able to assure my doom and gloom friends that ‘I wisnay aaffy bored’ like they had predicted – far from it – it was brilliant!

Lexi Smart – Session Clerk E&O

You are invited to East and Old Church as a warm welcome awaits you no matter when you were last there. Church has changed over the years as have the activities we offer. Our members and friends who come every week find new avenues of worshipping and being part of God’s mission and if you have not been for a while you do not know what you are missing. Church is about worshipping and serving God and following Jesus’ commands but we need to be in fellowship with each other to do this and learn from each other and what better way to do this than attend Sunday morning worship, mid-week worship and evening worship.

Rev Barbara Ann Sweetin

New Look New Vision - October & November Highlights

See centre pages for details—October—Church open every week day to 6pm—
come along and visit, spend some quiet time and see the New Vision for yourself.

Sun 8th	9.30am	Breakfast Church
Sun 8th	2pm - 4pm	Children's fun day in the Church Halls
Tue 10th	7.00pm	Bingo Tea in the Legion
Wed 11th	7.15pm	Guild Communion with Barbara Ann & Zurich Talk
Thu 12th	7.00pm	Musical Evening with the Choir
Fri 13th	7.00pm	Historical night in the Church
Sat 14th	2pm - 4pm	Street Party in The Church Grounds
Sun 15th	11.00am	Harvest Service with refreshments
Sun 15th	2.30pm	Afternoon Communion
Fri 20th	7.00pm	A taste & Flavour of East & Old—Food event
Sat 21st	2pm - 4pm	BB Family event at BB Halls Queen St Forfar—all welcome
Sun 22nd	11.00am & 6.30pm	Communion
Thu 26th	7.00pm	Scottish Dance and Music Display—The Church
Fri 3rd	6.30pm	GHOST WALK in The Church Grounds

Dundee Mosque Visit

4 members of East & Old accepted an invitation to visit the Central Mosque at Miln St Dundee on Saturday 16th Sep. Asif, newsagent owner in Castle St had been welcomed to our Church earlier in the month during Open Doors Weekend, his first visit to a Christian Church, and offered to host us in his Muslim place of worship.

Lexi Smart, Mary Daun, Esther & Bob Kidd were warmly welcomed by a young Muslim follower Sam, who invited us to take off our shoes and follow him through the building.

One of the daily 5 calls to prayer was in progress and after it, Abdul the Imam was happy to explain the pillars of his faith, with some of the differences and similarities between the Qur'an and the Bible. Later we were treated to typical Middle Eastern hospitality and refreshments. We all agreed that it was a most welcoming, interesting and educational experience.

Picture below: East & Old Group with Abdul in centre and Sam





East & Old Parish Church
New Look New Vision

**October/November 2017
Programme Of Events**



OCT 2017 : Church open every week day
5pm to 6pm – come and take a look
inside or spend some quiet reflective time
on your own.

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Children & Family Events

Sunday 8th Oct 2-4pm - Come and
join our girls and
boys event
which will in-
clude a bouncy
castle, face
painting, Lego, hair
and nail work and
lots more!

**FACE
PAINTING**



Saturday 14th Oct 2-4pm - Join our
street party in the church and church
grounds. Bouncy
castle, African
Drums, stalls,

side show games,
BBQ and lots more.

**Street
Party**



Saturday 21st Oct 2-4pm - BB Family
Event at The BB Halls Queen Street
Forfar

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Music Dance & Drama Events

Friday 13th Oct 7pm - Historical evening in the Church. Come along and hear tales from the past and old session records over the past 200 years !

Thursday 26th Oct 7pm Highland Dancing and bagpipe playing. Watch one of the World Championship Dancers and listen to Scottish Music.



Friday 3rd Nov 6.30pm - Ghost Walk around our church yard grounds. Hear the story of the witches and lots more, remember no torches allowed – it will be a dark mysterious night !!!



Find us on 

Saturday 4th Nov 7pm -

A classical evening with professional Flautist Julie Stewart

Food & Drink Events

Friday 20th Oct 7pm - Come along and taste a variety of goodies that our members specialise in from Cameron's, McLaren's, North Street Dairies and Saddlers along with our own members speciality



Saturday 28th Oct 2pm -

Floral demonstrations with afternoon tea.



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East and Old Church

Flower Group



AFTERNOON TEA

and

FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION

by

Gloria Mitchell

Saturday 28th October

At 2pm

In the Church

Tickets £5

Raffle

TheBigKirkShop

The shop is now two thirds of the way through our year and we have had quite a good year so far. To date we have taken in just over £15,000 which is pretty amazing.

I have recently spoken with every volunteer and they all agree that we are a good bunch to work with and they also get the satisfaction of meeting with customers. We have 2 new volunteers Marion Bowman and Pat Leggett who are settling in well.

We also have to thank Matthew Scott who stepped in at the last minute during his school holidays. I am sure he enjoyed it too. We are always looking for volunteers as the ideal situation would be that we could have 3 members per shift. This makes it easier if one person is ill or on holiday then we can work with 2. Janice Cowan does 2 shifts a week but has indicated that she would like to go down to one so come and give it a try and I am sure you won't regret it. Muriel and I are hosting an afternoon tea on 18th to thank everyone for their support. We are about to remove all summer clothes to get ready for winter ones. We must also thank the ladies who come in on a Monday to help us get ready for the next week. We appreciate the help we get.

Elma and Muriel

Can you volunteer some hours to work in our shop anything from 1 -3 hours would be welcome, we have a great team of people and you would be made most welcome.

Please contact:

Muriel Fairley on 01307 463936 OR

Elma Sim on 01307 465049

AROUND THE GROUPS



To the Guild !

My dear, my treasured, trusted friends,
What dae we dae as Wednesday ends?
We gang tae the Guild, whar a' life blends!
For noo, at last, men are permitted,
Tae gang wi' their wives or other lasses,
Sae lang as they dinna mak awkward passes!
So here we are, after a hunner years,
An end tae a' they husbandly fears;
That when their wivies get thegither;
They'll hae nothin' tae dae, than a richt guid blither!

Written by Ian Robertson in celebration of Guild Burns Night 25th
January 2017.

Afternoon Tea - The Helpers that make it happen– Thanks





Annual Trip

We travelled to Deeside in early June, had a ride on the Steam Train, dined at Mains of Drum and crossed the Cairn O'Mount for high tea at The Panmure Arms, Edzell. Not the best of weather, but everyone had a great time !

Annual Gathering

A number of us attended the event at the Caird Hall in Dundee on 2nd Sep, listening to the new Moderator's speech, foot-tapping to the Heart & Soul Swing Band and enjoying the hymn-singing.

Afternoon Tea

A big thank you for all your support at the Cream Scone Tea on 6th Sep in the Church. Whether you were customers, helpers or donors you all helped to make the event a great social gathering and a re-sounding success, earning £471. Well done everyone !

New Session Dates in October & November, mostly at 7.15pm;

October -Wed 4th –a visit from Dundee Soroptimists, Wed 11th Rev Barbara Ann conducts Communion and talks about the Zurich trip, Wed 18th Dawn Walton helps us with Mental Problem Solving, Wed 25th Mary Daun describes the Scottish Tapestry,

November –Thur 2nd Presb Council Mtg in our Church at 7.30pm, Wed 8th-Joint Mtg on Street Pastors Project, Sun 19th 11am Guild Week Service in Church, Wed 22nd Angus Whitson, Man with 2 Dogs, Wed 29th Love Quizzing.

Please put the dates in your diary. You will be warmly welcomed at any of these meetings.

Esther & Bob Kidd, Conveners

ART GROUP

The art group, with the help of some other church members who paint, held a successful Art Exhibition in the Church from 2nd to 9th of September. We would like to thank all who visited. It is good for us to hear people appreciating our work. It is a bonus when pictures are sold and 9 were. Bob Todd's prints of the pulpit and stained glass windows sold well and helped to increase the income to the sum of £187.



The East and Old calendar is now for sale at a bargain price of £5 make sure you buy a few as stocking fillers.

If you'd like to join the group it meets on Thursdays 1.30-4pm. New members are welcome. We do have some materials available if you are a beginner or returning to art after a long break.

The Art Group meets in The Church Hall Chapel Street Forfar.

FRIDAY FLING

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Friday Fling dancing group.

No great experience needed, if you can do a Gay Gordon , St Bernard's Waltz or a Hokey Cokey then you can help bring some joy to a person with dementia.

The dancing runs once a FORTNIGHT in the OAP Hall Chapel Street Forfar from 2pm to 4pm. Contact Jean Alexander on

01307- 463860



Summer holidays are long gone and we are now well through our first session.

This year in Boys Brigade the Junior Section (Lifeboys) are celebrating 100years.

Our Juniors have been doing several projects where the results always reach 100.

We plan to celebrate with a birthday cake at the B.B. event to be held in our Halls in Queen Street on Sat 21st October 2pm to 4pm. All welcome to join us.

The Boys and Officers in the Company took part in their annual re-dedication service in Church.

During the service a presentation was made to Hadyn Dear, our most senior Boy. Hadyn was awarded the Presidents Badge which is the 2nd highest award to be gained in the B.B. Well done to him ! He will now spend the next 2 years working towards his Queens Badge.

Our Anchor Section would love to have some more Boys aged 5 / 6 / 7 years old. We play lots of games , do various crafts and have great fun.

Any new members would be welcome.



MUSIC CAFÉ

The Music Cafe meets **every Monday , 2pm to 3.15pm**, helpers are there from **1.30pm**. We meet in the Church Social Space. The Music Cafe is for people suffering from Alzheimer's / Dementia and their carers. We sing a mixture of songs, including old favourites, Scottish, hymns and modern well known songs. We break for tea/coffee when people can enjoy a chat. Run by Pat Brodlie, one of our members, who is the Alzheimer Scotland contact for Angus. A very happy afternoon where the helpers prepare the teas/coffees & eats before the session starts & serve during the break, also help with finding songs in the folders for people who attend. **CAN YOU HELP?** Please contact **Jean Alexander** (01307-463860) or **Barbara Ann** (01307-248228) for more information.

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MENS NIGHT OUT: Monthly

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Monthly

BIBLE STUDY, FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP: Monthly



**Cosy Corner
Lunch every
Tuesday 12
noon**



**Book Group
Once a month**



**Saturday twice a
month**

FRIENDS OF EAST AND OLD

Annual Walk – what a great day everybody had at the annual walk in the Dunkeld area. Some people went walking, some shopping, some just watched the world go by and then we were off to the Strathmore Golf Club Restaurant at Strathmore Golf Club for our evening meal and it was super -28 people enjoying fellowship, companionship, exercise, food and drink – what a lovely day!

Friends of East and Old Renewal Night – takes place on Friday 27th October in the church. Tickets are £5 and we will be entertained by the Forfar Instrumental Band and those renewing their membership of Friends remember to bring along your £10 renewal money.

Thank you to those who renew every year and big thank you to the lifelong members. Don't know what being a friend of east and Old means – then speak to Barbara Ann or Mary Daun!



Walking Group

All Octobers walks will all be local walks with a view of our Steeple.

Saturday 7th October – North | Saturday 14th October – South

Sunday 22nd October – East | Saturday 28th October – West

Our November Walks will be on

Saturday 11th November | Saturday 25th November.

Meet at the Myre Car Park 10am except on Sunday 22nd October at 2pm

Contact Billy Sweetin: 01307 248228 - bjs801@talktalk.net

FLOWER GROUP



The new Rota System of flower volunteers is working well. We have a team of 6 ladies who buy and arrange the fresh flowers on Sunday mornings.

We ask for a **minimum £20 donation** from the generous people who choose a date in the flower calendar each week of the year. With this we buy the Sunday flowers and a percentage goes into the fund which provides a very welcome floral gift for the folk in the congregation who are in need of a little cheer. We are indebted to Fiona our delivery lady for this service.

The team of 6 will also be responsible for changing over the many silk arrangements in the church, and we would love to hear from anyone who would like to help with this. Please let me know if you think you would like to give it a try.

Marlene 466616

MINISTRY OF FLOWERS

Oct	01	Esther Kidd	Nov	05	Liz Nicoll
	08	Morag Milne		12	Irene Duthie
	15	Jennifer & Catriona		19	Marion Birse
	22	Flower Group		26	Marjory Herron
	29	Isobel Farquharson			

October 15th—Harvest Thanksgiving

October 22nd—Communion

November 12th—Remembrance Sunday

December: Flower Group decorate for Advent

CONGREGATIONAL REGISTER

DEATHS

Jul	27	Beverly Ward	86 Don Street, Forfar
	28	Norman Milne	5 Goosecroft, Forfar
	31	Margaret (Peggy) Thomson	Benholm Care Home, Forfar
Aug	14	Douglas Wood	1 Durie Place, Edzell
Sep	04	Susan Litterick	53 Kemsley Place, Forfar

WEDDING - Blessing

Jul 30 Steven Fraser and Liuvou Signaevskaya Fraser

Baptism

Aug 06 Arwen Helen Myles

27 Holly Marnie Arbuckle

New Members

Alan Litterick - 53 Kemsley Place, Forfar

Susan Litterick - 53 Kemsley Place, Forfar




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Our church has the use of the **Forfarian** on the first Sunday of each month to provide transport for many of our members. We usually also have the bus for communion dates.

Anyone requiring the bus please call **Jean Alexander on 01307 463860** - Please leave a message with your name and phone number if there is no answer and Jean will always return your call.

The help of our volunteers is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU— *Jean Alexander*

HAVE A COMPUTER? THEN YOU CAN HELP

You can help raise funds for East & Old's Dedicated Improvement Fund by clicking on the links below. It costs nothing but will help our funds.

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